(c) STD/PCO allotment committees in all the SSAs of Punjab have been recently reconstituted. The pending applications will be cleared progressively and wide publicity will be given through press for calling more applications for STD/ISD/PCOs.

Waiting list of Telephones in Kanyakumari

2583. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the waiting list as on 1st March, 1997 of the General Category subscribes/applications in the district of Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of telephone connections provided during the nine months of the current financial year 1996-97; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Waiting list in the Revenue District of Kanyakumari in Non OYT-General Category is 14,199.

(b) A total number of 1109 telephone connections have been provided during the nine months of the current financial year.

(c) It is proposed to provide about 28000 lines of equipment by expansion of existing exchanges and installation of new exchanges by March 1998.

Telephone Exchanges in Kanyakumari

2584. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone Exchanges functioning in the Kanyakumari district;

(b) the capacity of each of these Exchanges;

(c) whether Government propose to increase their capacity and undertake modernisation thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) As on 28.2.1997, 28 telephone exchanges are functioning in Kanyakumari District.

(b) The capacity of each of these exchanges is given in Annexure I.

(c) yes, Sir.

(d) Out of 28 telephone exchanges functioning in Kanyakumari District, 27 exchanges are electronic (modernised) and one exchange at Nagercoil is electromechanical. The electromechanical exchange at Nagercoil has been planned for conversion into electronic exchange during 1997-98. The details of expansions carried out during 1996-97 (as on 28.2.1997) and further expansion programme planned during 1.3.1997 to 31.3.1997 and 1997-98 are given in statement.

Statement

List of telephone exchanges functioning in Kanyakumari alongwith their capacity, working lines, expansion carried out during 1996-97 (upto 28.2.1997), expansion planned from 1.3.1997 to 31.3.1997 and during 1997-98.

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Equipped capacity	Working lines	Exapnsions during 96-97 upto 28.2.97	Expansion planned from 1.3.97 to 31.3.97	Expansion planned during 1997-98
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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